Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE POSS DUPE

PAGE 01 MANILA 12217 131224Z

43
ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06

FBIE-00 DHA-02 VA-01 IO-13 /072 W
---------- 114331
R 130955Z AUG 76
FM AMEMBASSY MANILA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8903

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MANILA 12217

DEPT PASS VA

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PFOR, RP, US
SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MARCOS' BROTHER DEFENDS FILIPINA NURSES

REF: (A) MANILA 8915
(B) MANILA 9976

1. PRESIDENT MARCOS' YOUNGER BROTHER PACIFICO, OPENING A FUND RAISING DRIVE AUGUST 12 FOR DEFENSE OF FILIPINA NURSES NARCISO AND PEREZ FACING MURDER CHARGES IN DETROIT, CALLED ON THE FILIPINO PEOPLE TO RALLY BEHIND NATIONAL EFFORT TO DEFEND THE TWO IN THEIR "FIGHT FOR JUSTICE." DR. MARCOS, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF MEDICARE, THE GOVERNMENT MEDICAL INSURANCE PROGRAM, WAS RECENTLY NAMED HEAD OF A "CAMPAIGN FOR JUSTICE" TO SPEARHEAD PHILIPPINE EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE NURSES. HIS REMARKS, WHICH WERE MADE BEFORE THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB, WERE GIVEN FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE IN BOTH THE AUGUST 13 "TIMES JOURNAL" AND "BULLETIN TODAY" AND WERE CARRIED ON NATIONAL TV NEWS EVENING OF THE 12TH.

2. DR. MARCOS REPORTEDLY SAID, "OUR CAMPAIGN FOR JUSTICE AT DETROIT IS NOT FOR FILIPINA AND LENORA ALONE.
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MANILA 12217 131224Z

IT IS FOR THE 17,000 FILIPINA NURSES IN THE US AND THE 40,000 FILIPINA NURSES ALL OVER THE WORLD. IT IS FOR

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

EVERY FILIPINO PROFESSIONAL WHO IS THREATENED WITH INJUSTICE IN ANY COUNTRY BEYOND OUR SHORES. IT IS FOR THE FILIPINO." HE EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO RESTORE THE WORLD'S CONFIDENCE IN FILIPINO PROFESSIONALS, AND "REDEEM OUR NATIONAL IMAGE, WHICH STANDS TARNISHED BY THE INJUSTICE AT DETROIT." DR. MARCOS WENT ON TO CRITICIZE THE FBI'S HANDLING OF THE CASE. HE DEPLORED THE HANDCUFFING OF THE NURSES "LIKE HARDENED CRIMINALS" AND EXPRESSED REGRET OVER ALLEGATIONS THAT THE FBI TOOK ADVANTAGE OF DEFENDANTS' IGNORANCE OF THE US LEGAL SYSTEM. HE CHARACTERIZED THE FBI'S CASE AGAINST THE NURSES AS BUILT ON CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE. "UNTIL NOW," HE SAID, "THE FBI HAS NOT ADVANCED ANY MOTIVE ON THE PART OF OUR TWO NURSES FOR THE ALLEGED MURDER."

3. COMMENT: LOCAL PRESS TREATMENT OF NURSES' CASE HAS BEEN RESTRAINED OVER THE PAST MONTH, INCLUDING SEVERAL FAVORABLE ARTICLES IN WHICH NURSES EXPRESSED EXPECTATIONS OF FAIR TRIAL, FOLLOWING EARLIER SPATE OF EMOTIONAL, ANTI-AMERICAN COMMENT. HOWEVER, FILIPINOS REMAIN ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY INCREDULOUS THAT THEIR COMPATRIOTS COULD BE GUILTY AS CHARGED, AND THE CASE WILL SURELY BE FOLLOWED CLOSELY IN THE PRESS ONCE THE TRIAL GETS UNDERWAY. THE RECENT INVOLVEMENT OF THE BROTHER OF PRESIDENT MARCOS IN THE DEFENSE EFFORT IS AN INDICATION OF THE MARCOS REGIME'S INTEREST IN EXPLOITING SUCH SENTIMENT BY PROJECTING ITSELF AS THE WHOLEHEARTED DEFENDER OF ITS BELEAGURED CITIZENS ABROAD.
SULLIVAN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NURSES, MURDER, COURT DECISIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 13 AUG 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ellisoob
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976MANILA12217
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760312-0018
From: MANILA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760856/aaaabwju.tel
Line Count: 91
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 MANILA 8915, 76 MANILA 9976
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ellisoob
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03 JUN 2004 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <04 OCT 2004 by ellisoob>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESIDENT MARCOS' BROTHER DEFENDS FILIPINA NURSES
TAGS: PFOR, PINS, RP, US, (NARCISO, FILIPINA B), (PEREZ, LEONORA M), (MARCOS, PACIFICO)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006